



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH
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**Tara B. White, Chair
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Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
December 1, 2014**

Board Members Present: Tara B. White, Chairman
Nat Yohalem

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:02 p.m.

Joe Kellogg Contract – The Town received a suggested contract from Joe Kellogg. There are several proposed changes the Board will make; however, he requires no benefits, would be hired as an Interim Administrative Assistant and his salary requirements are \$50.00 per hour. Changes to the contract include budget preparation, town report preparation, advice on finding a permanent replacement, follow-up on any grants and any such other duties as may be assigned by the Town. He would officially start on January 5, 2015.

School Meetings – A series of school meetings will take place this week to discuss capital issues and the bond for \$3.7 million etc. The only meeting that pertains to New Marlborough will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 6 p.m.

MBI – Chairman White reported she received an email from Tim Newman regarding an MBI meeting Thursday, December 11 at Hampton Inn in Lenox regarding Wired West. There are two sessions (2-4 and 6-8). Tim strongly recommended participation by each town. Selectman Yohalem reported that 44 towns showed an interest in Wired West; however, the cost is \$60 million, and only if 40% of the residents participate in Wired West. New Marlborough would have to float a bond between \$1.75 - \$2.5 million. Wired West will wire a public road, but not a private road, and only up to 300 feet to a resident's home. Wired West has not indicated the cost of running wire on a private road or beyond the 300 feet to a resident's home. Installation would not take place in New Marlborough for approximately five years. The problems for the Town would be the bond for this project, borrowing for various trucks and the school renovations, which could adversely reflect the Town's borrowing power.

MRF - The Board decided not to sign the MRF contract at this time, due to certain restrictions and obligations imposed by the contract.

Sam Humes – An email was received from Brooke Humes requesting the Town pay for her son's tuition to Vo-Tech. It has been prorated to \$3500 for the balance of the school year. The Board would like a letter from her requesting additional information before the Town can act on this matter.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary